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- 1- My response to the Examiner's Office Action, 7 pages total.
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For: A High Power High Yield Target for Production of all Radioisotopes for
Positron Emission Tomography

Dear Mr. Hashmi:

I have carefully studied your Office action of June 9, 2004. My response to your Office action is attached to this page.

I believe my response will substantiate that Claims 1-15 of my invention are patentably distinct from the prior art. As a result, I respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-15 of my invention.

In our telephone conversation of October 6, we discussed the possibility of canceling defendant Claim 6, since it seemed that this claim might partially overlap with Welsh et al's disclosure. The subject of defendant Claim 6 is with regard to cooling the target sample with a cooling fluid. After further studying Welsh et al's disclosure I realized that Welsh et al. do not and cannot cool their target with a cooling fluid. They use a solid target, a solid electroplated metallic piece. Their target is loaded and unloaded automatically. During the bombardment it is held in a target holder without being attached to a cooling means. These issues are further discussed in my response. As a result, for the time being I leave defendant Claim 6 as is.

Sincerely,

Behrouz Amini

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